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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WITH DISABILITIES

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, earlier this week, I led my Democratic and Republican colleagues in introducing legislation to eliminate discrimination against parents and guardians with disabilities.

Together with Representatives BASS, BACON, FITZPATRICK, and LAWRENCE, I introduced the Equality for Families with Disabilities Act, just 2 weeks before the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Today, there are 4.1 million parents with disabilities raising families here in the United States. Yet, parents and guardians with disabilities face excessive scrutiny and disproportionate targeting for unwarranted intervention from child welfare agencies.

The research is clear: Children raised by parents with disabilities do not exhibit stunted development or worse outcomes than their peers. In fact, the opposite is true. Children raised by parents with disabilities demonstrate greater compassion, tolerance, problem-solving skills, and other positive characteristics.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to end discrimination against parents and guardians in State child welfare proceedings once and for all.

Thirty-two years since Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this urgent legislation.

HONORING JOANN MERRIGAN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a prestigious journalist and outstanding woman, Ms. JoAnn Merrigan of WSAV News in Savannah.

With over 20 years in reporting, JoAnn has made quite a name for herself in multiple States for her high-quality news coverage.

She started her career in Iowa, following around Presidential hopefuls as they began their journey through the primaries. She also followed local and State-based elections, providing

Iowans with the information they needed to make an informed vote.

After her term in Iowa came to an end, she relocated to northern California where she continued to deepen her commitment to journalism.

After surviving the Loma Prieta Earthquake, JoAnn traveled around speaking to survivors and their families to get a better understanding of this tragedy.

From there, JoAnn moved her career to Nebraska, and eventually landing in the greatest city in the world: Savannah, Georgia.

Creating quite a respected name for herself, JoAnn has earned an outstanding number of awards, including the Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting, a Gabby Award, as well as an award from the Georgia Associated Press Broadcasters Association in 2013.

Her exceptional career in journalism has commanded the respect of many, including myself, and I am proud to honor her today on the floor.

HONORING JOHN R. HATCHER, III

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, it was once said: "The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

By this definition, John R. Hatcher, III, was a great man.

As the founding father of the Ventura County chapter of the NAACP, John was guided by his passion for social justice, and he was a champion for diversity, equality, and civil rights.

An Air Force veteran, a civil servant, an extraordinary citizen, our community is forever grateful for his immeasurable contributions.

For these reasons, I thank my colleagues for supporting the passage of H.R. 5659, which will designate the post office in Oxnard, California, as the John R. Hatcher, III, Post Office.

This bill is but a small measure of appreciation that recognizes John and his life's work, and I urge the bill's swift consideration before the Senate.

HONORING KRIS HANSEN

(Mr. ROSENDALE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kris Hansen, a great Montanan and a dear friend who passed away just last week.

Kris was a mighty warrior who loved her country and embodied the highest ideals of public service in the State of Montana.

She served overseas with both the National Guard and the CIA, followed by an exceptional tenure with the Montana State legislature, alongside me in the Montana State Auditor's office,

and most recently as Lieutenant Attorney General.

She was a blessing and a light upon all the lives that she touched.

Kris was also a strong advocate for students and families. She used her gifts to fight for access to quality education for children across the State of Montana.

Her commitment to protecting and preserving our way of life will always be a defining pillar of her legacy.

I am so thankful to have worked with Kris and developed a special friendship with her.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Fred and Nancy and the Hansen family during this most difficult time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT FIRST CLASS HEATH ROBINSON

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson, a son of Ohio, who served America honorably and with distinction.

After tours of duty in Kosovo and Iraq, he returned home and was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Sergeant First Class Robinson, like far too many others, became afflicted with the grievous wounds of war caused by exposure to toxic substances.

He and thousands more made the ultimate sacrifice. Every American owes them our unending gratitude.

But we owe them more than that. When returning from the battlefields with injuries and illnesses, America has a moral responsibility to provide every ounce of care to our servicemembers and veterans.

This week, the House takes a step forward in meeting this sacred obligation. The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson PACT Act will ensure that those who served and are suffering receive the care they need to heal.

The debt America owes to these patriots can never be fully repaid, but we can make a down payment by delivering the care to help them overcome, the care that they have most certainly earned.

COMMEMORATING THE UPCOMING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASCENSION ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL

(Mr. BUCSHON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the upcoming 150th anniversary of Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, formerly St. Mary's Hospital, in Evansville, Indiana.

Although the name has changed, its goal of providing quality care for citizens of the tri-State area has remained constant. I practiced cardiothoracic surgery there before being elected to Congress.